

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jack Seidler et al.

Application No.: 10/509,200

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Art Unit: 2833

For: METHOD OF RETAINING A SOLDER MASS
ON AN ARTICLE

Examiner: G. F. Paumen

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed September 11, 2006, the Examiner has required an election between the following inventions:

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| Group I. | Claims 1-10, drawn to a solder-bearing article;and |
| Group II. | Claims 11-19, drawn to a method of retaining a solder mass within a solder-bearing article. |

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention of Group I which is defined by claims 1-10 for further prosecution on the merits. Therefore, Applicants request that claims 1-10 should be examined on their merits at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to continue prosecution of the non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

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It is believed that the present communication is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Dated: September 19, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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